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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM TO)
AGGREGATE MULTIPLE VLANS)
IN A METROPOLITAN AREA)
NETWORK)

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Box Amendment

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments prior to consideration of the above captioned application.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-24 as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) A system comprising:
a metropolitan area network (MAN);
a first VLAN and a second VLAN, wherein the second VLAN comprises the first VLAN; and
a switch coupled to the MAN and the first and second VLANs to receive from the first VLAN a data packet having a first VLAN ID associated with the first VLAN, to replace the first VLAN ID with a second VLAN ID associated with the second VLAN, wherein the